

Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!

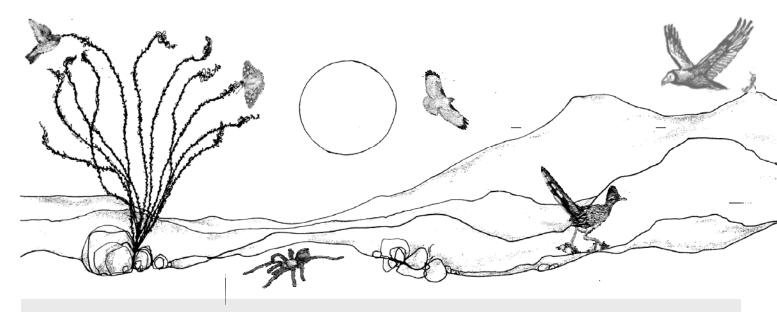
Ocotillo Wells offers over 80,000 acres for riding, camping, wildlife watching, and an opportunity to enjoy spectacular desert scenery away from the city.

In addition, Ocotillo Wells is now offering visitors the opportunity to discover more about the desert at fun-filled events taking place throughout the weekend!

Discover live spiders, scorpions, and how the "pumpkins" are formed. View the night sky through a telescope, or join us for a thrilling ATV tour. There are even opportunities for your kids to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!



Bobcats are much smaller than mountain lions, often weighing only 15-LLlbs! They hunt by ambushing jackrabbits, birds, and even snakes and lizards. Come learn more about bobcats and other wildlife at the desert animal exhibit.



Saturday, January 9, 2010

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Desert Animal Exhibit—Snakes, Scorpions, Tarantulas & More

Join us at Shell Reef for an intimate look into the lives of some of Ocotillo Wells year-round residents! Take a close up look at live tarantulas, snakes, and the glow-in-the-dark scorpion. Also, make sure you play the new hit trivia game, "Who's scat is that?" and win your own "Golden Scat" award.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Talking Pumpkins with the Naturalist

Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about our geologic past. Located at the Pumpkin Patch you will find us set up to tell you how the pumpkins were formed.

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Junior Ranger Activities at the Pumpkin Patch 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Do you want to become a Junior Ranger? Stop by between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm to learn about stars and make your favorite constellation, or from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to learn about birds. These programs are for kids ages 7 to 12. Activities take approximately 30 minutes.

Yet another opportunity to become a Junior Ranger! Stop by to learn how to identify animal tracks and scat. These programs are for kids ages 7 to 12. Activities take approximately 30 minutes.

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Sunday, January 10, 2010

9:00 am to 2:00 pm Desert Animal Exhibit—Snakes, Scorpions, Tarantulas & More

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9:00 am to 2:00 pm Talking Bubbles at the Gas Domes

Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about this incredible feature. You will find us set up at the Gas Domes to help you discover many fascinating facts about this area.

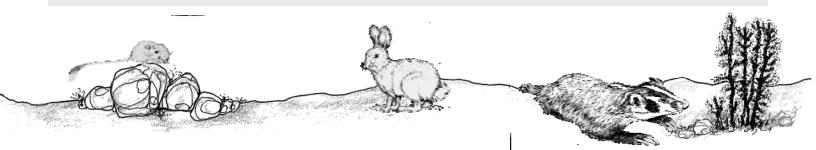
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10:00 am to 1:00 pm Junior Ranger Activities at Shell Reef

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The wonders of Ocotillo Wells are here for your discovery.

While visiting us, take time to enjoy the subtle things around you,

they are worthy of your exploration.

Upcoming Events Off-Road Tour Series: Desert Habitats of Ocotillo Wells 1/14

Does the desert landscape all look the same to you? Well, first impressions can be deceiving! Ocotillo Wells is home to seven distinct habitats, each with its own unique features. Join our Park Interpreters for a tour that will open your eyes to the surprising diversity of the desert. This tour meets at the Ocotillo Wells Ranger Station at 9:00 am and lasts until approximately 1:00 pm. Come prepared for this excursion with a high clearance, 4wd vehicle, plenty of water, lunch, and most important, a sense of adventure!

Roughneck Rendezvous 1/29—1/31

Join us for a fun-filled weekend complete with an off-road geo-caching scavenger hunt, guest speakers, movies, and BBQ!



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